

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner MacNeill in the July 12, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Schwebel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,802,430) (Schwebel). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Schwebel fails to disclose a disposable needleless injection device comprising a combustion chamber that is divided into two volumes communicating via a first device for regulating the pressure level in the combustion chamber, the two volumes being defined, from upstream to downstream, as a first volume in which a pyrotechnic charge is placed and a second volume, wherein the first device for regulating the pressure level is bound to the inner wall of the combustion chamber, as recited in claim 1.

Schwebel teaches the use of a single-shot preloaded pyrotechnic charge 25, and more specifically, an encapsulated pyrotechnic propellant charge. See, e.g., Schwebel at col. 1, lines 39-40 and col. 3, lines 8-10. The structure separating the propellant charge 25 from the chamber 43 is part of the charge, and thus is not bound to the inner wall of the combustion chamber. Applicants respectfully submit that Schwebel fails to teach or suggest a first device for regulating the pressure level that is bound to the inner wall of a combustion chamber, as recited in claim 1.

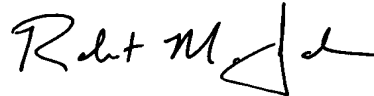
For at least this reason, and additionally for the reasons provided in the June 26, 2007 Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is neither taught, nor would it have

been suggested by Schwebel. Thus, the rejection of claim 1, and claims 2-7, 9 and 10, which depend from claim 1, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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